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A judge has ruled that Microsoft violated the antitrust laws a view which has been painfully obvious for some time.

The current agreement however allows them to continue their predatory practices. This is wrong and will in the end inhibit inventors, developers and investors from working in any area that might be in competition with Microsoft. It doesn't make sense to invest in any application that Microsoft can integrate into its operating system.

When the World Wide Web first entered the scene Microsoft was caught napping they didn't believe that the Internet would be so popular. Yet by virtue of their control of the Desktop they quickly supplanted Netscape. Their New product XP with Windows Media Player and Active X is supplanting Real Radio Player and Sun's Java. Nothing has changed.

Microsoft has continually disregarded consent decrees. What makes this one any different?

Without a strong deterrent or break up, which the current plan does not provide, Microsoft will continue with it's predatory ways, Innovation and investment will be depressed and the public will be short changed not to mention the risk however small that new revolutionary technology could be developed outside of the United States and supplant our leadership.